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A Rare Cause of Sudden Onset Abdominal Pain

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•A 42-year-old male smoker with history of hypertension and hyperlipidemia presents to the ED with 2 hours of sudden onset, persistent, severe, right sided "kidney" pain that he describes as aching and stabbing in nature. The pain radiates into his right testicle and is exacerbated by movement. Associated symptoms include nausea and sweating. He denies recent illness, fever, palpitations, or urinary complaints. All other ROS negative.

 PM/S/FHx: Umbilical Hernia Repair. Otherwise negative

Physical Exam

Vitals: BP 176/104, HR 85, RR 22, T 97.5, SpO₂ 98% General: No acute distress

Respiratory: no respiratory distress, normal breath sounds Cardiovascular: RRR, no M/R/G

Abdomen: Moderate tenderness in RLQ and at McBurney's point. No guarding, rebound, bruit, or pulsatile mass. Bowel sounds normal

GU: normal male genitals, no tenderness or swelling Back: Normal, no CVA tenderness

EKG/Labs

EKG: incomplete RBBB, no prior for comparison White Blood Cells: WNL Hemoglobin: 17.3 Lipase: 218 AST/ALT: 47/91

Glucose: 106 UA: +protein, -RBC, -WBC

Questions

- 1. What imaging is best for making the diagnosis?
- What risk factors should be considered in making the diagnosis?

Answers

- CT scan with contrast is the gold standard for diagnosing renal infarct.
- Risk factors for renal infarct include: Atrial fibrillation, atherosclerosis, aneurysm, antiphospholipid symptoms, endocarditis, fibromuscular dysplasia, nephrotic syndrome, polycythemia vera

Imaging



Figure I demonstrates hypoattenuation of the inferior pole of the right kidney on CT abdomen with contrast



Figure 2 is a CT angiogram demonstrating the classic striated nephrogram of a renal infarct.



Figure 3 demonstrates a pseudoaneursym of the right renal artery, which can be seen in setting of fibromuscular dysplasia.

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Case Conclusion / Discussion

This patient was sent for a CT abdomen/pelvis with contrast to rule out appendicitis. His appendix was found to be normal, however there was a "geographic area of hypoattenuation of the right lower pole favored to represent renal infarct". CT with contrast is considered the gold standard for diagnosing renal infarct. [1] This is fortunate as the diagnosis was made incidentally during the workup for a different suspected pathology. Renal Infarcts (RI) are uncommon, with incidence believed to be 0.007%, [2] it may also be a commonly missed diagnosis. This is due to the similarity in presentation to more common conditions like appendicitis, nephrolithiasis, and pyelonephritis.

If this patient had presented with CVA tenderness or hematuria, as has been reported, [1] CT without contrast would have been performed. In the setting of acute abdominal/flank pain where no stone is identified, the clinician should consider RI and order an additional CT with contrast. [3] Renal Infarcts may be focal, multifocal, or global. They can also be unilateral or bilateral. [4]

Certain risk factors found in the past medical history make Renal Infarct more likely. The majority of renal infarcts are thromboembolic, however they can also be due vasculitis or hypercoagulation (1). Aortorenal vascular pathologies such as atherosclerosis, aneurysms, or fibromuscular dysplasia can lead to renal infarct. Additionally, cardiogenic emboli caused by conditions such as atrial fibrillation or endocarditis can result in an infarct. This diagnosis should also move up on the differential when patients have conditions like antiphospholipid syndrome or nephrotic syndrome that induce a hypercoagulable state.

This patient was admitted to medicine, and an etiology was not identified despite extensive workup. On Initial CT angiogram, a "beading configuration of the right main renal artery suggestive of fibromuscular dysplasia" was noted, but follow-up renal ultrasound was negative for FMD. The patient was noted to have elevated triglycerides making an atherosclerotic embolus a possibility. Additionally, he had an elevated hematocrit and erythropoietin suggestive of a polycythemia vera diagnosis, which would make him hypercoaguable. A jax2 mutation analysis was ordered, however it was thought that his history of smoking and possible sleep apnea could explain the finding as well. The patient was discharged with symptom resolution, but lost to follow-up.

Pearls

- In a patient with suspected nephrolithiasis and no stone identified on CT without contrast, consider repeating the CT with contrast to identify possible RI.
- Renal Infarcts present similarly to more common pathology. Consider additional risk factors for infarct when developing differentials.